

Nixon Peabody expands Healthcare practice with transactional and regulatory partner

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Albany & New York, NY. Nixon Peabody LLP continues to expand its **Healthcare** practice with the addition of partner **Whitney Phelps**, who provides strategic guidance to healthcare stakeholders with a focus on transactional and regulatory matters.

Based in the firm's **Albany** and **New York City** offices, Whitney has particular experience in health coverage and benefits. This includes managed care, such as Medicaid and Medicare Advantage, and value-based contracting between providers, intermediaries, and payers. She advises clients on a broad range of complex healthcare transactions and regulatory matters relating to physician practices, hospital systems, home care, management service organizations, behavioral health, health benefits, and risk contracting. She also assists self-insured and multi-employer plans, including Taft-Hartley plans, with RFPs and contract negotiations related to various health and pharmacy benefits.

"Our healthcare clients face myriad challenges, particularly with respect to rapidly evolving technologies and a shifting regulatory environment, and they continue to turn to us to navigate complex legal issues and support their business needs," said **Lindsay Maleson**, leader of Nixon Peabody's Healthcare practice. "With deep industry knowledge and experience across a broad range of healthcare transactions and regulatory matters, Whitney is an excellent addition to our team as we help clients navigate this landscape."

Whitney works with clients to skillfully negotiate complex joint ventures and other transactions, with special attention to New York regulatory compliance. She also has extensive experience in representing healthcare entities before the New York State Executive Branch, including with respect to shaping healthcare policy and Medicaid redesign, as well as laws and regulations that impact regulated healthcare entities in New York.

“We are thrilled to have Whitney join the Healthcare team in our office,” said **Daniel Hurteau**, managing partner of Nixon Peabody’s Albany office. “Her proficiency with New York State’s regulatory environment, together with the issues our healthcare clients face, make her a great fit for the firm and in our state’s capital.”

“Whitney’s dedication to her clients, her ability to achieve commercial and practical solutions for her clients, and her significant experience in navigating complex regulatory issues adds meaningful depth to our regulatory bench, both locally and nationally,” said **Michele Masucci**, a partner in Nixon Peabody’s Healthcare practice. “We are delighted to welcome her to our group.”

Whitney earned her JD from the Albany Law School and her BA from the State University of New York at Albany. She has been recognized in *Best Lawyers in America*® and *Chambers USA*, as well as *The Legal 500 United States* for Healthcare: Service Providers and Tax: Not-for-Profit/Exempt Organizations.